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# Homosexuality:

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*Article In Brief...* 

**According to the evidence, neither Scripture, nor science, or psychology support the homosexual lifestyle. It is physically, psychologically, and spiritually toxic, and those who have genuine love for homosexuals will, instead of embracing and advocating the lifestyle, do whatever they can to discourage it.**

**A**MONG the many sins listed in Scripture, a handful are mentioned in conjunction with the downfall of a nation. If certain sins are accepted, approved of, and prevalent in a society, its demise is on the horizon. Among those sins is homosexuality: sexual intercourse between individuals of the same gender. In Leviticus 18, God, through the hand of Moses, delineates several sins that the Israelites were not to commit, including, “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination” (vs. 22). God continued:

Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity

upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells with you..., lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you. For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people (vss. 24-29).

Why is homosexuality spotlighted by God as a particularly heinous sin—an “abomination”? Scripture does not explicitly say. Is it because the sin of homosexuality is so obviously unnatural (Romans 1:26-27) that when a society *en masse* has **irrationally** accepted it as natural, the society has passed beyond the

point where it can be **reasoned** with? Is it because homosexual activity is often more violent, and the lifestyle lends itself to violence<sup>1</sup> towards others (e.g., Genesis 18-19) and disease<sup>2</sup>? Regardless of the motivation, God would not outlaw a behavior without good reasons. He, being the essence of love (1 John 4:7-8), would have loving motivations behind His rules. God loves the homosexual, in the same way that He loves all sinners (Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:10), and He expects His followers to love them as well (Luke 6:31-36)—which is why we are writing this article. God’s commandments are “for our good always” (Deuteronomy 6:24<sup>3</sup>) and promote life (Deuteronomy 6:24<sup>4</sup>). Sadly, our society and the homosexual community are choosing death.

## HOMOSEXUALITY AND AMERICAN SOCIETY

### The “Homosexual Manifesto”

In 1987, homosexual activist Michael Swift wrote an article in *Gay Community News* stating the goals of the homosexual movement<sup>5</sup>—what might be called the “Homosexual Manifesto.” Portions of the article were read during a congressional debate by former Congressman William Danne-meyer, and were entered into the Congressional Record. As you read the following excerpts, be amazed by how much of the gay agenda has been realized over the past 33 years.

This essay is an outré, madness, a tragic, cruel **fantasy**, an eruption of inner rage, on how the



oppressed desperately dream of being the **oppressor**.

We shall **sodomize** your sons, emblems of your feeble masculinity, of your shallow dreams and vulgar lies. We shall seduce them in your schools, in your dormitories, in your gymnasiums, in your locker rooms, in your sports arenas, in your seminaries, in your youth groups, in your movie theater bathrooms, in your army bunkhouses, in your truck stops, in your all male clubs, in your houses of Congress, wherever men are with men together. **Your sons shall become our minions and do our bidding.** They will be recast in our image. They will come to crave and adore us....

All laws banning homosexual activity will be revoked. Instead, legislation shall be passed which engenders love between men....

[W]e shall stage plays in which man openly caresses man; we shall make films about the love between heroic men....

Our writers and artists will make love between men fashionable and de rigueur, and we will succeed because we are adept at setting styles....

We will unmask the powerful homosexuals who masquerade as heterosexuals. You will be shocked and frightened when you find that your presidents and their sons, your industrialists, your senators, your mayors, your generals, your athletes, your film stars, your television personalities, your civic leaders, your priests are not the safe, familiar, bourgeois, heterosexual figures you assumed them to be. We are everywhere; **we have infiltrated your ranks.** Be careful when you speak of homosexuals because we are always among you; we may be sitting across the desk

from you; we may be sleeping in the same bed with you....

**The family unit**—spawning ground of lies, betrayals, mediocrity, hypocrisy and violence—**will be abolished.** The family unit, which only dampens imagination and curbs free will, must be **eliminated.** Perfect boys will be conceived and grown in the genetic laboratory. They will be bonded together in communal setting, under the control and instruction of homosexual savants.

All churches who condemn us **will be closed.** Our only gods are handsome young men. We adhere to a cult of beauty, moral and esthetic.... Since we are alienated from middle-class heterosexual conventions, we are free to live our lives according to the dictates of the pure imagination. For us too much is not enough.

The exquisite society to emerge will be governed by an elite comprised of gay poets. One of the major requirements for a position of power in the new society of homoeroticism will be indulgence in the Greek passion. Any man contaminated with heterosexual lust will be automatically **barred** from a position of influence. All males who insist on remaining **stupidly heterosexual** will be **tried in homosexual courts** of justice and will become invisible men.

We shall **rewrite history**, history filled and debased with your heterosexual lies and distortions. We shall portray the homosexuality of the great leaders and thinkers who have shaped the world. We will demonstrate that homosexuality and intelligence and imagination are inextricably linked, and that homosexuality is a requirement

for true nobility, true beauty in a man....

**We too are capable of firing guns and manning the barricades of the ultimate revolution. Tremble, hetero swine, when we appear before you without our masks.**

Notice how effective the gay agenda has been implemented since Swift's article was written. One of the most alarming aspects of the homosexual agenda, as stated at the beginning of the article, is the overt targeting of children. Following in the footsteps of Hitler<sup>6</sup> and other totalitarian regimes throughout history, their agenda was clearly to capture the minds of youth, so that the next generation would accept the sinful behavior, regardless of the beliefs of the adult population at the time. Subsequently, dozens of children's books, from *Jack & Jim*, to *King & King*, to *One Dad, Two Dads*, *Brown Dad, Blue Dads*, to *My Two Uncles*, to *Heather Has Two Mommies* were written to target children.<sup>7</sup> As Eric Lyons documented in 2011,<sup>8</sup> public education has been targeted as a tool for promoting the gay agenda to great effect. The Girl Scouts were targeted, changing their guidelines in 1980 to allow lesbian scouts and troop leaders. As of 1997, the staff was said to be 33% lesbian.<sup>9</sup> Their goal is not merely to gain sexual access to girls—but to indoctrinate them.<sup>10</sup> In 2015, the Boy Scouts followed suit and, in a 45-12 vote, ended the ban on homosexual leaders.<sup>11</sup> [Fast-forward to February of this year: the Boy Scouts declared bankruptcy after mul-

multiple sexual abuse lawsuits were filed against them. The number of sex-abuse claims has now surpassed 82,000.<sup>12]</sup>

If such information were not enough to cause concern, the activities of NAMBLA—the North American Man/Boy Love Association—should cause outright alarm. Beyond merely trying to indoctrinate children to be accepting of the gay agenda, many gay activists are seeking to gain legal, sexual access to little boys. Well-known child psychologist and author James Dobson, in his book *Bringing up Boys*, highlights the movement being spearheaded by the increasingly influential NAMBLA. It promotes, as its name implies, sex between adult men and little boys. Dobson notes that their motto is, “Sex before eight or else it’s too late.”<sup>13</sup> According to the organization’s Web site, man/boy love is “the love of a man for a boy, and a boy for a man. Enjoyable, consensual, beautiful.”<sup>14</sup> Under the heading, “The Love that Dare Not Speak Its Name,” the organization (erroneously) likens its advocacy of pedophilia to the love between David and Jonathan. “It is beautiful, it is fine, it is the noblest form of affection. There is nothing unnatural about it.”<sup>15</sup> Under the heading “Why NAMBLA Matters,” the organization states that it “has been, and continues to be, a beacon of moral support for all individuals who feel a natural love for boys,” including “incarcerated individuals who identify as boy lovers.”<sup>16</sup>

Dobson highlights the worldwide effort in which pedophiles are engaged to lower the age at which a child can legally consent to intercourse with an adult. The result has been to lower the age from 18 to 16 in England, to 15 in Sweden and France, to 14 in Canada, Germany, Iceland, Italy, San Marino, and Slovenia, and even 12 in Spain, Holland, Malta and Portugal. At many of these ages, of course, the child has not yet reached puberty, and yet as Dobson notes, he can give his “consent” to older men who want to use him sexually. Since the activity is legal, as long as it is “consensual,” the parents of those children **cannot legally prevent it**. Why, might you ask, would homosexuals be feverishly trying to lower the age at which kids can consent to sexual activity? Such a move is certainly in step with the Homosexual Manifesto: “We shall sodomize your sons.... We shall seduce them in your schools, in your dormitories, in your gymnasiums, in your locker rooms..., in your seminaries, in your youth groups, in your movie theater bathrooms.... Your sons shall become our minions and do our bidding.”

### The Progression of the Homosexual Movement in America

From the inception of the nation, sodomy was illegal in every state and subject to punishment; all 13 colonies originally advocated the death penalty for homosexuality (several states followed in that tradition, including New York, Vermont, Connecti-

cut, South Carolina, and Virginia). Thomas Jefferson even advocated castration for homosexuality. The country, by in large, remained staunchly anti-homosexuality for nearly 200 years until the 1960s—the “sexual revolution” in America—when sexual exploration was encouraged and engaged in by young people across America, laying the groundwork for the commencement of gay acceptance in the 1970s. The 1964 Civil Rights Movement helped the gay agenda gain traction, as the homosexual community was able to “ride on the coattails” of the legitimate fight against racism. Many mistakenly equated the fight against racism to be the same fight as the one against homosexuality. Consider a timeline of subsequent major events in the homosexual movement in America over the last five decades:

- June 28, 1969: Police raid a gay bar (Stonewall) in New York, sparking violent riots in response. The event is considered to be the spark of the gay liberation movement.<sup>17</sup>
- June 28, 1970: First Gay Pride marches take place, in commemoration of the Stonewall event.<sup>18</sup>
- 1971: “All in the Family” becomes the first TV sitcom to depict a gay character.<sup>19</sup>
- 1972: “The Corner Bar” becomes the first prime time TV sitcom to have a regular, recurring gay character; “That Certain Summer” becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> major TV movie to deal sympathetically with homosexuality.<sup>20</sup>
- 1973: The American Psychiatric Association (APA) removes homosexuality from its list of mental disorders.<sup>21</sup> [The current CEO of the APA is now homosexual Saul Leven.<sup>22</sup>]
- 1975: The American Psychological Association removes homosexual-

- ity from its list of mental disorders.<sup>23</sup> According to its Web site, “Since 1975, the American Psychological Association has called on psychologists to take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with lesbian, gay, and bisexual orientations.”<sup>24</sup>
- 1981: First cases of AIDS discovered in America, found at the time to be linked primarily to homosexual activity (159 cases are recorded the first year). [Today, homosexuals make up 70% of all new HIV infections.<sup>25</sup>]
  - 1982: President Ronald Reagan implements a defense directive stating that “homosexuality is incompatible with military service,” and that homosexuals/bisexuals are discharged from the military.<sup>26</sup>
  - 1983: Gerry Studds becomes first openly gay person elected to Congress. [He “came out” as a result of an investigation into his relationship with a 17-year-old page.<sup>27</sup>]
  - April, 1986: Becky Smith and Annie Afleck of California become the first openly lesbian couple to be granted legal, joint adoption of a child.<sup>28</sup>
  - June, 1986: *Bowers v. Hardwick*—Supreme Court upholds (5-4) a Georgia sodomy law, prohibiting homosexual activity.<sup>29</sup>
  - February, 1987: Michael Swift publishes the “Homosexual Manifesto.”
  - September, 1987: “America Responds to AIDS” campaign launched by the Department of Health and Human Service’s Center for Disease Control, attempting to raise awareness about AIDS.<sup>30</sup>
  - 1991: Simon LeVay’s “gay gene” study completed; Media incorrectly reports that a gay gene has been discovered.<sup>31</sup>
  - October 1, 1993: President Clinton’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (DADT) policy implemented in military, effectively allowing gays to serve in the military, but prohibiting them from disclosing their sexual orientation or being asked about it.<sup>32</sup>
  - January 14, 1994: Movie “Philadelphia” released to U.S. theaters, about a homosexual who contracts AIDS (Tom Hanks; Denzel Washington); grosses over \$206 million worldwide. Nominated for four academy awards, wins two.<sup>33</sup> Movie significantly raises endorsement of homosexuality in America.
  - 1996: President Clinton signs the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), banning federal recognition of same-sex marriage, defining marriage as “a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife.”<sup>34</sup>
  - 1997: New Jersey becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> state to expressly authorize joint adoption by gay couples.<sup>35</sup>
  - 1997: Ellen DeGeneres, comedian, popular talk show host, and the most well-known gay or lesbian public figure, publicly announces that she is a lesbian.<sup>36</sup>
  - January, 2003: AIDS becomes an epidemic in the U.S. In the State of the Union address, George W. Bush announces his Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.<sup>37</sup>
  - June, 2003: *Lawrence v. Texas*—U.S. Supreme Court (6-3) strikes down all state sodomy laws that had been in force since the inception of the country.<sup>38</sup>
  - 2004: Massachusetts becomes first state to legalize same-sex marriage; first homosexual couple in America married.<sup>39</sup>
  - 2006: “Brokeback Mountain” movie about the love between two homosexual cowboys released in theaters; nominated for six Academy Awards, wins four others;<sup>40</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> highest-grossing romance drama film of all time.<sup>41</sup>
  - 2010: The number of Americans who consider homosexuality morally acceptable climbs above 50%.<sup>42</sup>
  - February, 2011: The Obama Administration instructs the Justice Department to stop defending the constitutionality of DOMA in court.<sup>43</sup>
  - September 20, 2011: Repeal of DADT policy in military, allowing openly gay individuals to serve in the military.<sup>44</sup>
  - September 30, 2011: The U.S. Department of Defense issues new guidelines allowing military chaplains to perform same-sex ceremonies.<sup>45</sup>
  - May 9, 2012: President Barack Obama endorses same-sex marriage—the first such statement by a sitting president—arguing that the legal decision should be left to the states to determine. President Obama: “I think same-sex couples should be able to get married.”<sup>46</sup>
  - May 31, 2012: The 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston rules

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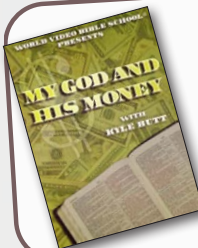


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- Does the Quran possess the attributes of inspiration?
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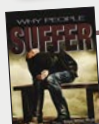
- Will there be a "Rapture," "Tribulation," "Battle of Armageddon," "Antichrist," and "Millennium"?

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- What God and the Founders said about the purpose of human government, incarceration, socialism, welfare, illegal immigration, and more.

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- What are the symptoms of America's spiritual cancer, and what are its causes?
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### Dinosaur Day (for Teens)



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- What caused the death of the dinosaurs? What has Dr. Miller's personal fieldwork in dinosaur fossil excavation and studying the Cretaceous rock layers revealed?



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that DOMA discriminates against gay couples.<sup>47</sup>

- July, 2012: Macklemore and Lewis' "Same Love" song is released (first top 40 song to promote and celebrate same-sex marriage).<sup>48</sup>
- August, 2012: California becomes first state to sign a ban on homosexual to heterosexual conversion therapy.<sup>49</sup>
- October, 2012: The 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rules that DOMA violates the Constitution's equal protection clause.<sup>50</sup>
- June, 2013: The Supreme Court rejects parts of DOMA (5-4); same-sex spouses legally married may receive federal benefits; overturns California's voter-approved ballot measure to bar homosexual couples from marrying.<sup>51</sup>
- August, 2013: The U.S. Treasury Department rules that legally married same-sex couples will be treated as married for tax purposes, even if they live in a state that does not recognize same-sex marriage.<sup>52</sup>
- June, 2015: *Obergefell v. Hodges*—The Supreme Court (5-4) legalizes same-sex marriage nationwide, overturning constitutional amendments or state laws banning same-sex marriage in 36 states.<sup>53</sup>
- June, 2020: *Bostock v. Clayton County*—The Supreme Court (6-3) adds protection for gay and transgender workers from employment discrimination to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.<sup>54</sup>

## Motivation

Why have Americans so quickly flipfopped in their thinking on a behavior that was (and is) so clearly sinful, physically and psychologically dangerous,<sup>55</sup> and scientifically irrational<sup>56</sup>? Why have so many Americans (in and out of Christendom) jumped on the bandwagon to, not only approve of and legalize all forms of homosexuality (in direct defiance of Romans 1:32), but even encourage the lifestyle? No doubt, there

are many different reasons to consider, but the fact that even many so-called Christians who would be predicted to oppose the behavior (due to the clear teaching of Scripture<sup>57</sup>) are jumping on the bandwagon should be noteworthy.

One unarguably influential factor has been the gradual desensitizing of the American mind to the abnormal/unnatural (Romans 1:24-28) and "abominable" nature of the sin of homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22). The homosexual movement has been effective in increasingly barraging the public with homosexuality since the 1960s, manipulating the population into feeling tolerant, then comfortable, then sympathetic, and then celebratory of the lifestyle. If you hear something a thousand times, it must be true, right? Television has clearly been a, if not **the**, most effective hammer in the gay agenda's toolbelt to that end. At least four shows featured homosexual characters (or cast a positive light on the lifestyle) in the 1970s<sup>58</sup>; seven in the 1980s<sup>59</sup>; and 23 in the 1990s (especially after the "gay gene" study was released and the "Homosexual Manifesto" was written).<sup>60</sup> By the 2000s, virtually every show would be included in the list, and the shows became more brazen in featuring homosexuality (e.g., "Queer as Folk," "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," "Modern Family," "Shameless," and "The New Normal"<sup>61</sup>). Hollywood has shoved homosexuality down the public's throat for decades through entertainment venues, and our love of entertain-

ment has caused Christendom to turn a blind eye to the dangers of gay influence, rather than taking a stand. Should it surprise us that the bulk of our siblings, children, and grandchildren (Baby Boomers, Generations X, Y, and Z) do not see the problem with homosexuality, any more than they see the problem with fornication, adultery, or divorce? We have been brainwashed.

One tactic used to manipulate the American mind by the homosexual movement has been to play on our sympathy and compassion for those who are suffering (with, for example, AIDS—"Philadelphia" movie) or who are just "a little different," but not so different from even the toughest among us ("Brokeback Mountain" movie). Christians are to have sympathy for all who are shackled by sin, but that compassion should lead us to teach them about the destructive nature of sin—to warn ("admonish") them to cease sinning ("repent") and, in some cases, even "rebuke" them for brazenly defying God (e.g., 2 Timothy 4:2; Ezekiel 33:8-9; Acts 17:30). That, however, is not the sympathy being promoted by the homosexual movement. The gay agenda wishes to make the world have a tolerant, "live and let live" attitude towards homosexuals—to accept homosexuality as normal and natural, rather than warn them and encourage them to change. "Don't be judgmental! They can't help it," we are told. Gaining sympathy is one of the most effective ways of pushing an agenda.

(to be continued)



## ENDNOTES

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When searching YouTube for “Best Atheist Arguments,” several videos appear that include a popular saying often repeated by atheists: “I just believe in one less God than you.” What do atheists mean when they use this argument? They list several “gods” such as Zeus, Poseidon, Vishnu, Buddha, Horus, and Apollo. They then say something to the effect of, “Tell me why you don’t believe in those gods, and I will use your very same reasons to tell you why I don’t believe in yours.”

The problem with this “argument” is that it’s not an argument at all. It’s a neat little play on words, but when looked at closely, it is not a logical reason for anything. The idea being presented is that just because there are many wrong answers, then all the answers must be wrong. In fact, the statement implies that the “one less” answer is just the next step in the sequence. But let’s think through that. If there really is just one correct answer, then of course all the others would be incorrect. For instance, if a person were to say, “You don’t believe that 2+2

equals 5 or 6 or 7 etc., therefore 2+2 does not have an answer. See, I just believe in one less answer than you.” The problem with such reasoning is easy to see: If there is a singular answer, then the “one less” statement leaves out the **one** most important correct answer.

To further illustrate, when Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, the story is told that he said that after trying 10,000 different filaments, he had not failed; he just found 10,000 things that don’t work in a light bulb. Now suppose a person were to say, “Tell

me why those 10,000 substances did not work and I will use the same reasoning to tell you why the one thing you say will work, won’t. I just believe in one less filament than you.” Again, the fault in the reasoning is evident. The characteristics of the filaments that don’t work are obviously different from the ones that do. Yes, it may be true that atheists believe in one less God than the God of the Bible. But the fact is, no other God is the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-good Creator of life Who came down to the Earth in human form and sacrificed His life for His human creatures simply because He loved them. Yes, atheists believe in one less God, but it is that God, and only that God, Who truly fits all the criteria to be the singularly correct answer (John 11:26).<sup>1</sup>

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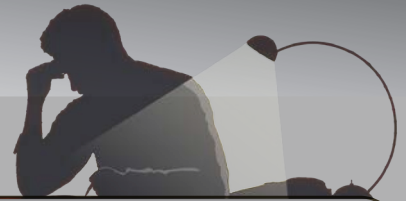
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